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PRESIDENT SADAT PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FROM
ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST 25

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, ARE WE CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT THIS
AFTERNOON THAT WE WERE BEFORE?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH DR. KISSINGER.
THERE HAVE BEEN AS I TOLD YOU IN THE MORNING, THERE HAVE
BEEN SOME POINTS TO DISCUSS, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE DISCUSSING
THEM NOW BEFORE HE LEAVES.

Q. DID YOU SAY THERE IS STILL A GAP DR. KISSINGER?

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DR. KISSINGER: UNTIL THE AGREEMENT IS FINALLY SIGNED BY DEFINITION THERE IS GAP. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES, AND MY ASSOCIATES AND I THIS MORNING, AND THEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND I AND MY ASSOCIATES THIS AFTERNOON DID GOOD WORK AND MADE PROGRESS TOWARDS REMOVING SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

Q. HAVE YOU DETERMINED THE EXACT TROOP LINES NOW IN THE SINARI DESERT WHERE THE EGYPTIAN ADVANCEMENT WILL BE?

PRESIDENT SADAT: IF IT IS DETERMINED WHY SHOULD DR KISSINGER RETURN AGAIN?

Q. SURELY THERE ARE OTHER POINTS TO RESOLVE AS WELL.

PRESIDENT SADAT: NOT YET

QUESTION: HAS ANYTHING UNEXPECTED COME UP, MR. SECRETARY?

DR. KISSINGER: NO, I DON'T FIND UP TO NOW ANY UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES AND I AM SATISFIED WITH THE TALKS WE HAD HERE TODAY.

Q. HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE, MR. SECRETARY?

DR. KISSINGER: I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE. WE WILL MOVE AS FAST AS WE CAN.

Q. BUT DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE IT BEFORE YOUR DUE DATE IN NEW YORK?

DR. KISSINGER: I WOULD LIKE TO. THE POSSIBILITIES STILL EXIST.

Q. WERE YOU GOING OVER THE TEXT OF AGREEMENTS OR JUST TALKING IN GENERAL PRINCIPLE, MR. PRESIDENT?

PRESIDENT SADAT: I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASKING THE SECRETARY.

(LAUGHTER)

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Q. ARE WE DOWN TO WORDING OF TEXTS?

DR. KISSINGER: NOT QUITE THAT PRECISELY YET. BUT WE ARE BEGINNING TO WORK ON MORE CONCRETE TERMS AND PRINCIPLES.

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE YOU SEEN A DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT YET?

PRESIDENT SADAT: (LAUGHTER) NOT YET. PERHAPS YOU HAVE SEEN ME READING SOME PAPERS TODAY. YOU THOUGHT THAT THIS IS THE AGREEMENT. NO, IT IS A MESSAGE.

Q. HAVE YOU MADE SOME CALLS, SIR?

PRESIDENT SADAT: NO

Q. INAUDIBLE.

DR. KISSINGER: I LEFT A NUMBER OF ASSISTANTS IN ISRAEL TODAY TO DISCUSS SOME BILATERAL ISSUES.

Q. DID YOU DO THE SAME HERE IN ALEXANDRIA, TOO?

DR. KISSINGER, WELL, OUR AMBASSADOR HERE, OF COURSE, IS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER AND WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY I WILL LEAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE.

Q. DO YOU STILL EXPECT TO COME BACK TOMORROW, MR. SECRETARY?

DR. KISSINGER: I HOPE TO COME BACK TOMORROW AFTERNOON OR AT THE LATEST WEDNESDAY MORNING.

1. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVED, THAT THERE WERE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURES STILL REMAINING. IS THAT STILL YOUR ASSESSMENT?

DR. KISSINGER: WHEN I ARRIVED IN THE AREA SEVERAL MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE HAVE BEEN....VERY GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RESPECT TO THEM AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE (INAUDIBLE) IN THE AREA.

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Q. WILL YOU STILL BE VISITING SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN?

DR. KISSINGER: YES. DEFINITELY BUT MY PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY NOW IS TO SEE THAT I SPEED UP THE CONCLUSION OF THIS AGREEMENT. AND I WILL FIT IN THOSE VISITS AND I AM SURE THAT THE HOST COUNTRIES WILL UNDERSTAND THAT.

Q. WITH REGARDS TO PARAGRAPHING OF THE AGREEMENT BEFORE YOU RETURN TO NEW YORK, HAS IT BEEN DECIDED WHICH COUNTRY WILL PARAGRAPH IT FIRST.

DR. KISSINGER: (LAUGHTER) I DON'T THINK SO.

1. IS IT ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES?

DR. KISSINGER: I THINK THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST SOLUBLE ISSUES.

Q. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU POSTPONE YOUR DEPARTURE TO NEW YORK?

DR. KISSINGER: NO, IF NECESSARY I WILL GO TO NEW YORK, DELIVER THE SPEECH AND RETURN TO THIS AREA. WE HAVE PLACED GREAT STRESS ON THAT SPECIAL SESSION, AND I HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK ON PREPARING A PROGRAM. SO, IN ANY EVENT, I WILL PRESENT IT AND THEN COME BACK HERE, IF THAT PROVES TO BE NECESSARY.

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU THINK THE AGREEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL WE REACH THIS AGREEMENT, I SHALL BE PUTTING IT BEFORE MY PEOPLE AND BEFORE THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD, IF WE REACH IT.

1. MR. PRESIDENT, WILL THERE BE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN AMERICAN AID TO EGYPT?

PRESIDENT SADAT: WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THIS YET. NOT YET.

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Q. WOULD YOU LIKE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN AMERICAN AID?

PRESIDENT SADAT: SURE I WOULD LIKE IT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WHAT IS IN THE ENVELOPE? (GENERAL LAUGHTER)

DR. KISSINGER: I DON'T KNOW YET, I HAVE NOT LOOKED YET.

Q. THANK YOU.
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